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RULING NO. R97-1/78

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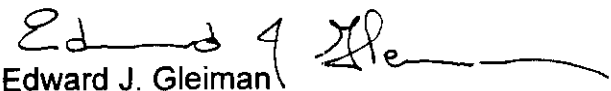
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On October 10, 1997, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a motion to compel Postal Service responses to, among other interrogatories, OCA/USPS-71-73, 74(a) and (b), 75(a) and (b) and 76-78. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/61 granted the OCA motion with respect to these interrogatories. On November 21, 1997, the Postal Service filed a motion to reconsider that ruling with respect to OCA/USPS-72 and 73. Motion of United States Postal Service for Partial Reconsideration of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/61 was filed on November 21, 1997.

Ruling 61 involves the Postal Service's obligation to answer interrogatories that seek information about the impact that changes that it proposes in attribution principles would have on subclass attributable costs and on the cost basis of worksharing categories. A motion to reconsider such a ruling involves important questions of law and policy. Accordingly, I am certifying this issue to the full Commission. See 39 USC § 3001.23(8).

RULING

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Partial Reconsideration of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/61, filed November 21, 1997, is certified to the full Commission.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer